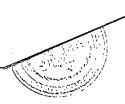
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

SUBJECT: OXCART and SR-71 Programs

REFERENCE: National Reconnaissance Office Memorandum, June 16, 1967, subject: OXCART Program.

In the reference, the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office offers two options that would delay phasing out the OXCART program. Even though three OXCART aircraft are deployed at Kadena, I believe the currently approved program needs only minor change. The Director of the Central Intelligence Agency concurs. Specifically, the A-12's should be phased out no later than the dates shown.

Type of A-12	Jul 1967	Nov 1967	Jan 1968	Total
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I would like the JCS, in conjunction with the Air Force and the NRO, to develop a plan by 4 August 1967 for transferring the responsibility for the Kadena operation from the CIA to SAC. This plan should provide for transfer on 1 December 1967. To ensure this capability, the Air Force should attempt to further accelerate the installation for the SR-71.

NRO and USAF review(s) completed.

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